





2020 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

As we just celebrated the Eve of All Saints Day wearing different kinds of masks than in years gone by, the year of our Lord 2020 has presented many challenges and changes. As I sat down to write this, I went to look at Instagram because Malinda told me she had posted a picture of us in celebration of my birthday. I opened up Instagram and there was a quote from Dr. Jordan Peterson, "Be grateful in spite of your suffering." I thought to myself, what an appropriate theme for Thanksgiving this year. As COVID continues to dominate the activities of our lives and the health of many, please do not take this the wrong way, but I thought it appropriate to focus on that for which I am grateful in regard to COVID.

There are many changes and challenges we have been forced to endure, I would like to shine light on some which have been a blessing. For example, the COVID restrictions forced the ladies of the LWML to conduct the "Garage Sale" in a different manner, and they discovered a much easier way to organize it. In future years, they will save themselves hundreds of hours of work.

At ORLC, we have been blessed to continue to have our regularly scheduled Divine Services on Saturday and Sunday since June. But in April and May, we discovered what a blessing it is to receive the Sacrament in the middle of the week when COVID restrictions caused us to have to be creative with communion distribution due to limitations on having regular gatherings.

We have been very blessed that we have been able to reach more people through the broadcast of the service on Facebook Live. Having the capability of broadcasting already in place is something for which I have given thanks many times, especially in the past nine months. I will confess that I previously did not give sufficient thanks to Keith Urbon and his tireless work. Numerous people have told me that having a full worship service broadcast with music and singing was important in helping them cope with the isolation and worry. I am grateful that God allowed us to provide the Gospel and that Connie and the Wolfmeyer family were there to allow those listening at home to have a hint of normalcy through the familiarity of hymns and liturgy.

I am grateful that some of those who discovered our broadcast in recent months have remained faithful participants of worship and Bible class. It is a blessing to see the Gospel reach beyond our normal borders. Some of our local families still choose to worship with us via Facebook and not in person (and understandably so), and I am grateful for this reminder of how much I miss being with people.

In October I wrote about how I struggle to label the year 2020 in a negative light. I was thinking about these things even before I read Dr. Peterson's Instagram quote. As I wrote last month, from a personal growth standpoint, 2020 has been one of my best years. I believe this year brought me even closer to my family, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to teach Bible class in a way which I never considered before. There is significantly more preparation work required. I am grateful for the life lesson that doing that which is easy is rarely satisfying. So when Thanksgiving Day comes, I will gather with my family and I will thank God for many things, especially His reminder to be grateful in spite of your suffering. In Christ,

Pastor Eden

Who's Who at Our Redeemer

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President	Chet Vahle (1st term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2021
Vice-President	Chris Knspp (1st term)	Oct. 2020 - Sept. 2021
Secretary	Michele Urbon (1st term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2021
Treasurer	Michele Clevenger (3 rd term)	Oct. 2020 - Sept. 2021
Financial Secretary	Wanda Spohr (3 rd term) – Counters	Oct. 2020 - Sept. 2021
Education Board	Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio	Appointed
	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
	Heidi Schlipman (1st term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Board of Elders		
319-572-9558	Larry Foster (3 rd term) – Communion Asst.	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
217-617-7312	Darrell Drescher (3 rd term) – Special Services	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
217-257-6516	Gene Bluhm (1st term) – Sunday Ushers	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
217-223-9207	Mike Herschler (1st term) – Saturday Ushers	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
217-440-3606	Steve Schoch (2 nd term) – Head Elder	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
217-430-2460	Jeff Wolfmeyer (2 nd term) – Altar Care	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Evangelism Board	Ruth Ann Snowden (3 rd term)	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
	Michele Schoch (2 nd term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Property Board	Dennis Baker (1st term)	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
	Gary Hyer (2 nd term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Stewardship Board	Hannah Ajdinovich (1 st term)	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
	Larry Ehmen (1 st term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Youth Ministry	Jamie Louderback (3 rd term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Endowment Chair	Larry Ehmen (3 rd term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022

Remembering In Our Prayers



REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN OUR NATION'S MILITARY SERVICES:

Mark & Kari Adams, Mark Borg, Paul Boriack, Steve Clark, Aaron DeWerff, Michael Goodwin, Robert Goodwin, John Haines, Zach Howerton, Ryan Keller, Jason Klauser, Levi Meyer, Jeremy Schwartz, Aaron Schmitt, Ryan Thruston, Andy Tipton, Marc Troxel, Brandon VanBastian, and Charles Wheeler.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH NEEDS:

Nick Austin, Sean Burner, Martha Canada, Steve Dunker, Jim Elliott, Lynda Hinkamper, Elaine Hyer, Becki Jones, Kim Long, Meghan Meyer, Michael Morgan, Carl Muehring, Angela Osmundsen, Sutton Perry-Brockemeier, Michelle Reinberg-Page, David Rickey, Cole Schullian, Kory Tournear, Jacob Weimer, Vicki Wemhoener, Jackson Weppler.



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Lynda Baker, Norma Begeman, Wayne Buesking, Martha Canada, Marcia Clevenger, Joann Durbin, Pat Florey, Marilyn Hanawalt, Isabelle Hillerts, Elaine Hyer, Ann Knoernschild, Dolly Powers, Todd Schroeder, Kitty Schuckman, Michael Simminger.

Keep Our Missionaries in Your Prayers

Apple of His Eye Mission Society

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Latvia

The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Harlow, Essex, U.K. (Together in Missions)

The Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany

Mrs. Alvina Federwitz in Waxhaw, North Carolina

Jonathan and Carrie Federwitz and their children in Papua New Guinea

Danny and Becca DeLoach and their children, 6915A Cinder Run, Waxhaw, North Carolina 28173

Mrs. Julie Lutz, home on furlough

Dr. Martin & Marie Dicke, Musical Specialist serving in Papua New Guinea (*Together in Missions*) Our Savior Lutheran Church of Uganda - Magamaga



Our Seminary Students

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN: Tyler Arends – on Vicarage 926 East 1000 North Road, Melvin, IL 60952



Timothy & April Benzinger, Trent, Kaela, Jakob, and Hadassah 4153 Woodstock Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Concordia Theological Seminary, Saint Louis, MO:
Ian & Sarah Heinze – on Vicarage
Our Savior Lutheran Church, 7910 E. St. Joe Highway, Lansing, MI 48917-8871

Our Mission

To the glory of God we are SHARING Our Redeemer by ...

CARING for one another in Christian love and compassion

ENCOURAGING growth and outreach through worship and Bible study

Sunday School Staff

Superintendent – Melissa Knapp Pre-School – Gina Eickelschulte Kindergarten – Gina Eickelschulte Grades 1 & 2 – Gina Eickelschulte Grades 3 & 4 – Amy Killday Grades 5 & 6 – Donna Haire Grades 7 & 8 – Donna Haire Teens – Gretchen Wolfmeyer

November News & Notes

LWML would like to thank everyone who helped make our rummage sale possible. Because of Covid 19 we were not able to have our usual spring sale. On the 1st of October we decided to participate in the city wide rummage sale. With LOADS of help we carried tables and items outside--elevator broke lots of steps. We were blessed with beautiful weather and an amazingly generous community. Everything was free will and we received \$1952 for missions. We were competing with 67 other city wide sales. So blest and so thankful that we will be able to meet our 3rd and 4th quarter mission commitments. For those of you who were not able to bring your donations, we apologize and hope we can resume our rummage sale next spring.

ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund \$5000.00 Matching Gift We have received about \$1500.00 toward the \$5000.00 challenge. Every dollar you give will add 2 dollars to the Endowment Fund. Please consider a donation to this fund as we continue to prepare for the future of Christian education for our children who attend St. James School. We have mailed about 75 letters, soliciting contributions from former students, parents & grandparents. It has been a difficult task to find these addresses and if you know of contacts that have moved away from Quincy and have and address for them, please let Brad Ehmen, Marty Otto or Larry Ehmen know. Checks should be made to ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund.

Adopt a Lutheran School Student This fund is to help the families of children that are currently attending St. James school. If making a donation, please specify if it is for our children in need.

Please consider donating to Our Savior Lutheran Church -- Magamaga in Uganda which Pastor Eden has talked about previously. Please contact Pastor Eden or the church office for more information.

Did you recently have someone or a new family move to your neighborhood? The Evandelism Committee has a Welcome basket that you can give them while introducing yourself and inviting them to our church. Baskets are downstairs on the table as you enter the basement.

There are GOOD NEWS magazines available in the Narthex for only \$3.00 each. These are a great way to witness to your neighbors, friends, and family. Thank you – The Evangelism Committee

ORLC TOTE BAG FUNDRAISER for Parents of Lutheran Students (PLuS) These bags are perfect for carrying your Bible Study Materials or whatever you'd like! Cost is \$10 per tote bag. They are available before and after the Saturday and Sunday services.

Open Hands Food Pantry at The Lutheran Church of Saint John is searching for volunteers to help our pantry run smoothly! We need people to help take patrons through the pantry, help stock shelves and portion items. We are also in need of personal care products & baby diapers. These items are rarely donated and a significant expense to those already having trouble financially.

SCRIP NEWS! You can help earn rebates for the ORLC Scrip Fund that will benefit the education of children attending St. James Lutheran School. Go to: shopwithscrip.com for a complete list. We are happy to help you learn how to use scrip! Looking for dinner options? We have McAllister's Deli, Panda Express, IHOP, and many more! There are a variety of \$5 and \$10 gift cards available, Check out the back side of the updated order form for retailers. Planning ahead? Place your order with payment, and will have them ready the following week! CONTACTLESS DELIVERY is now available! Just call the church office (217-223-1769) to place your order and then you can swing by to pay and pick up. Scrip Update:

Week ending:	11- Oct	18- Oct	25- Oct
Profit:	\$58.82	\$85.38	\$66.05
# orders:	8	12	10
Avg			
Profit/Order:	\$7.35	\$7.12	\$6.60
Overall Profit:	\$2,704.97	\$2,790.35	\$2,856.40

Guatemala Mission Team Postponed until July 2021 Consider joining a week of service in Guatemala. Help lead a daily Bible lesson for children, visit with people in their homes, and support the work of the mission-aries from Groundwork Guatemala. No experience is necessary and this is a wonderful opportunity to experience mission work in another country. Contact LCoSJ, 222-8579 or pastor@lcosj.org for more info.

November News & Notes (continued)

Because of COVID-19, we are unable to safely have our usual Children's **Christmas Eve** program. Instead, the church elders have decided to offer **two Candlelight Christmas Eve services**, one at **7 PM** and one at **9 PM**. Please contact the church office or Pastor Eden if you have any questions regarding this year's change of schedule.

CID Endowment Fund: The CID Endowment Fund Board of Trustees is elected at the Endowment Fund convention every three years at the CID District convention. Current board members are, Rev. Martin Eden, Rev. Karl Eckhoff, Mr. Richard McMullen, Ms. Cheryl Neal, and Mr. John Rodenburg. The board meets four times each year to oversee the operations of the fund, review investments and related returns, and administer funds distribution to the CID for scholarships. Non-voting Trustees are CID President Miller, CID Treasurer Mr. Dale Dirks. The board normally meets in February, May, August and November each year. Recently the board decided to hold the May and November meetings via phone conference to reduce expenses. In the coming weeks, we will share more information with you on our investment history and results.

We are all experiencing hardship during this COVID-19 outbreak. Like many of you, our staff are working primarily from their homes. One group particularly hard hit are new Americans; those immigrant and refugee families that are learning the ways of our country, the language and the nuances of being an American. Most of them have entry level jobs and several have been laid off or had had their hours significantly reduced. Additionally, many have been relying on the school system to feed their children breakfast and lunch and are now trying to keep up with rising food bills. Our partners in ministry, Christian Friends of New Americans, are reaching out to these distressed families through congregations to provide much needed help and assistance. And they need our help. Recently through the generosity of some donors, CFNA is matching your financial gifts dollar for dollar up to \$10,000. Also, if you are a new donor, your gift will be matched two dollars for every dollar donated. Click on their website cfna-stl.org, then on "Give Now" and then the DONATE button. Thank you and God Bless!

If you would like to attend worship, communion, or Bible study, please make sure you are letting the church office know at 217-223-1769 or by signing up online. We are asking that everyone wear masks so that we may continue to have in-person services.

Women's Conference at the Lutheran Church of Saint John postponed until September 11, 2021.

Birthright of Quincy's largest annual fundraiser, **Saturday**, **November 7**th For the first time it its 11-year history, this year's Birthright Trivia Night will be taking place virtually. Teams will gather at a location of their choice, or even virtually if they prefer, and follow along with the evening's events on Zoom while entering trivia answers on a separate mobile app provided. Because of the virtual platform, there will be more multiple choice questions than years past, and answer scores will be weighted on response time. For a donation of \$125, trivia teams of up to 8 players can register online at birthrightquincyil.org, or contact Birthright at 217.224.1277 for a registration form or more information. The registration deadline is Friday, November 6th at 8pm, and teams who complete their registration by October 23rd have a chance to win their entry fee back. Forms in Narthex.

Help Needed: A few families are needing **Rides to church on Sunday**. If you can help, please contact Pastor Eden or the church office.

Rite of First Communion will be in November but date is TBD.

Enjoy CFNA's VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION PREVIEW [look for daily updates!] our unique and affordable auction items. Your purchases will help support CFNA and encourage many small businesses throughout the St. Louis area! Bidding will start at 7:00 a.m. on November 7 and the Auction will close November 14 at 9:00 p.m. A simple "Donate Now" button is also available to support CFNA and as always at the website: http://www.cfna-stl.org/opportunities/ At this time (until Nov. 5, Tues.) there is still opportunity to DONATE AN ITEM OR SERVICE (Call 314-517-8513 or email buckmancal@aol.com to make arrangements).

Right to Life of Adams County will not be able to participate in the National Life Chain this year. Even though we cannot stand and prayer together this year, our prayers will still be heard. **Please visit the new Right to Life of Adams County website, rtlac.org**, to access the list of intentions that will be prayed for at the National Life Chain, and please devote an hour of prayer during October in support of the pro-life cause.

Miscellaneous Constant Information

Newsletter & Calendar Deadline -

All newsletter & Calendar submissions must be sent in **no later than the 20**th **of each month**. Please let the church office know about any needed changes.

GREETING CARDS (sponsored by the PLuS group) Be sure to check out the variety of assorted greeting cards. Cards are \$.50.



Rada Cutlery is an on-going fundraiser. Rada as a variety of, products: cutlery, stone-ware soy wax candles, and quick mixes. We have started taking orders for our next RADA order. Once we

have \$60 in orders, we will place the order. So, if you don't see something in our many "in stock" items, go ahead and fill out an order form with payment. Please visit the Rada display in the old chapel. You may leave a completed Rada order form with pay-ment at the scrip table. Thank you for your support of PLuS!

Drawer Cart by the Office Steps

Top Drawer: For cancelled stamps for missions. They must be complete stamps.

2nd Drawer: General Mills box tops for education, HyVee UPCs, & Tyson A+ labels. They benefit the St. James school library. We no longer accept Campbell's Soup Labels.

3rd Drawer: For any type used greeting card fronts. Good Samaritan home uses them to make things.

Church Office Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM with time out for lunch between 12 and 1. Staff may be in the office before or after these hours, but please call before stopping in so that we can have items ready for you (keys, sermon copies, envelopes, etc.).

Considering adoption? Lifelink International Adoption (a ministry of Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois, LCFS) is seeking families interested in adopting from Korea. We're receiving child referrals again after a temporary break and have a limited number of families on our waiting list. Our South Korean program is one of our most enduring (twenty-nine years) and reliable. Learn more about Lifelink's adoption programs at www.lifelinkadoption.org or contact us at 630-521-8281 or international Adoption is a program of Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois.

Want to Go Paperless? We would be happy to email you any church correspondence and newsletters if that is the option you prefer. Contact the church office, write your email on the bottom of your attendance card, or email secretary@ourredeemerguincy.org.

PLEASE SAVE LABELS - Please continue to save HyVee UPCs, General Mills Box Tops, and Tyson A+ labels. Place them in the white drawer by the Church Office at ORLC. Thank you! We no longer accept Campbell's Soup Labels.

Attention Parents of College Students:

If your child is away at college, please let the church know their new address and/or email as soon as you get it. We would like to nurture those relationships, pray for them, and help to keep them informed.



Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois

Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois' professional licensed counselors can help with any problem. They provide individual, couple, marital and family counseling to help address all types of situations. Insurance is accepted. Call 800-363-LCFS (5237) to schedule a FREE confidential initial consultation.

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If you are a member of Thrivent and desire to have your Thrivent Choice Dollars directed to the ORLC's St. James Tuition Endow. Fund, you will have to use the following process. Inform your Thrivent representative to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Then you must notify Gretchen of the amount which you want to be put in to the Endowment account. She will make sure it gets transferred to that account.

Saint John's Food Pantry has enough egg cartons at this time. Thanks for all your help!

Concordia Food Bank is no longer accepting clipped coupons.

November Birthdays Birthdays

1	Tory Hufendick	13	Renee Durst	23	Lori Post
3	Buddy Weisenburger Jr	15	Dennis Fleming	24	Marjorie Baker
5	Steve Voepel	15	Cody Martin	24	Derek Ott
6	Karen Lohmeyer	16	Andrew Allen	24	Paul Weisheit
7	Bethany Foster	16	Evan Baker	25	Carolyn Cramlett
8	Bruce Burner	16	John Church	25	Rob Tipton
8	Ruth Graham	16	Lori Klauser	27	Jeremy Holtman
9	Gail Church	19	John Baker	29	Adrian Zehnle
10	Frank Hanawalt Jr.	20	Jesse Schweitzer	30	Stephanie Bush
10	Michael Herschler	22	Rod Allensworth	30	Rod Hibbert
12	Donna Johnson	22	Heather Feinstein	30	Brandon McGartland
13	Mayce Bent	22	Matt Weppler	30	Kristen Vahle
13	Danielle Deeter	23	Dexter Goetz		

November Baptisms

2	Piper Clevenger	9	Becky Lucas	24	Ethan Clevenger
3	Martin Eden	9	Joann Reichert	24	Quinton Hibbert
4	Jerry Lunt	10	Bryan Baird	26	Ethan Sass
6	Caleb Buss	10	Danny Baker	27	John Baker
6	Ray Johnson	10	Kensey McGartland	27	Robert Gooding
7	Jeanette Wyatt	13	Eben Fischer	28	Jan Colvin
8	Nancy Bluhm	13	Alex Fitch	28	Erik Mix
8	Audrea Fitch	13	Beth Lucas	29	Karen Lohmeyer
8	Hayley Harvey	14	Tanner Clevenger	30	Erica Dedert
8	William Schlegl	17	Lori Klauser	30	Pat Florey
8	Curt Spohr	19	Amy Killday	30	Kari Foulk
9	Kriss Frink	22	Angie Nixon	30	Keaton Jones
9	Autumn Lucas	23	Dexter Goetz	30	Nora Meyer
		23	Ace Weisenburger III		

November Anniversaries

1	Steve and Lynda Baker	45 years	22	Larry and Reva Ehmen	58 years
5	Carl and Carol Muehring	65 years	26	Harry and Barb Hall	45 years
6	Michael and Mary Herschler	49 years	26	Jim and Shelly Holtman	35 years
14	Steve and Amanda Spilker	11 years	28	Dennis and Patricia Baker	50 years
20	Ryan and Tina Vaughn	16 years	28	Gene and Nancy Bluhm	39 years



November News & Notes (continued)

Updates from the CID Church Extension Fund: Christine Anderson put together a short video. To view the information via the links mentioned in the video click here: https://linktr.ee/cidlcms You can view the video in one of THREE places! Facebook: www.facebook.com/cidlcms YouTube: https://youtu.be/x3CGkNo0W28 Instagram: @cidlcms

Please help the Quilters each Thusday from 9 AM until 11 AM as they finish 60 quilts for missions.

The Church Extension Fund doesn't want your first fruits! We ask that you offer your first fruits to your local church by continuing with your regular contributions so that your church has the means to support your brothers and sisters in Christ during these difficult times. You are their lifeline. But where God has provided you with additional financial blessings, we do want to offer you an opportunity that will benefit both you and the churches and schools in the Central Illinois District. The Church Extension Fund has several investment opportunities available to LCMS members and to our local churches, schools, and organizations that provide returns which are more than competitive with other financial institutions during this economic downturn. Minimum investment is only \$500. Our interest rates and terms are listed below:

Interest	<u>Term</u>	<u>Rate</u>
	24-month	1.90% Special Rate – Limited Time Offer
	60-month	1.75%
	36-month	1.50%
	12-month	1.00%
	6-month	.50%

If you are interested, you can find our application on the District website (www.cidlcms.org) – click on the Church Extension Fund box in the left-hand column, or email us at cef@cidlcms.org or call our office at 217-793-1802 and ask for Susan or Chris. All your investment dollars stay in the Central Illinois District and support the churches and schools within the District.

September 2020 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	Jan-Sep '20	<u>Budget</u>	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
001 · 001 General Offerings	226,085.18	226,140.75	-55.57	100.0%
003 · 003 Loose Plate	2,434.07	4,500.00	-2,065.93	54.1%
011 · 011 General Fund Interest	11.39	37.49	-26.10	30.4%
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	0.00	4,125.01	-4,125.01	0.0%
020 · 020 Bequest Fund & Designate	ed <u>3,020.71</u>	4,662.00	<u>-1,641.29</u>	64.8%
Total Income	231,551.35	239,465.25	-7,913.90	96.7%
Expense				
Mission	11,250.00	12,749.99	-1,499.99	88.2%
Personnel	145,003.66	148,002.72	-2,999.06	98.0%
Program	41,564.26	48,345.78	-6,781.52	86.0%
Property	31,833.81	39,982.47	<u>-8,148.66</u>	79.6%
Total Expense	229,651.73	249,080.96	-19,429.23	92.2%
Net Income	1,899.62	-9,615.71	11,515.33	-19.8%

November Puzzle Answer (Puzzle on page 12)

There is only one lawgiver and judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. James 4:12

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL, QUINCY, IL

217-222-8267

Week in Review- Last week was a truly short week, yet a productive one. We are grateful for the warm weather and sunshine to continue to get the students outside while we still can. Students continue to attend face-to-face chapel and had Library time this week as well.

End of the 1st **trimester is Friday, November 13**th. Where has the time gone? But we are so blessed to be able to continue with face-to-face instruction. Sounding like a broken record we ask that you continue to remind students to avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth, and to cover coughs and sneezes, the importance of face coverings, social distancing, and proper handwashing. As always, everyone should monitor their health and stay at home if they develop symptoms.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be upon us soon, November 24th & 25th.

St. James students serving...The **week of 11/9 and 11/16** students are being asked to bring in non-perishable food for the St. Johns Open Hands Food Pantry. Additionally, for chapel monies students have been sent home 2 envelopes that will also go towards the Open Hands this month.

Supper Table Talk Review the Small Catechism explanation of the Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer.

EAGLE VISION EVERYONE deserves our respect, **A**CT with kindness, **G**OD'S LOVE is our greatest strength, **L**OVE one another, **E**VERY DAY live for Jesus, **S**HOW OTHERS we are Christian

Assignments for November 2020

Ushers:

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Rob Edwards
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Nathan Hoebing, Jeff Wolfmeyer, Stan Yelton, Terry Morse, Gary Hyer

Counters: Larry Ehmen and Emily Becker

Altar Care: Laura Essington, Shelly Holtman, Ruth Ann Snowden, Volunteer Needed

Drivers: Steve Hyer, Jerry Manton, Wanda Spohr, Ryan Vaughn

If anyone does not feel comfortable doing their assigned jobs yet please let the person in charge of your job know so a replacement can be found if needed.

Upcoming Events

November 5: LWML Meeting 6:30 PM

November 7: Birthright of Quincy's Virtual Trivia Night

November. 7 & 14: CFNA's Annual Trivia Benefit Silent Auction (Virtual)

November 11: Veterans Day

November 28: Decorating for Christmas

November 29: Serve at Horizons Soup Kitchen

December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 7 PM & 9 PM (RSVP)

December 31: New Year's Eve Service at 6 PM

May 13, 2021: Ascension Day Service

July 2021: Lutheran Church of Saint John Guatemala Mission

July 11-13, 2021: CID District Convention

September 11, 2021: Women's Conference at the Lutheran Church of Saint John

October 2021: Central Illinois Pastors Conference

July 9-13, 2022: National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX

Pastoral Report September 1 – 30, 2020)

Official Acts

Baptisms

First Communion

Adult Baptism

Youth Confirmation

Marriages

Funerals

Membership Changes

Gains [+0B, +0C]

Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

Adult Confirmations & Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

Affirmation of Faith (from other Lutheran) [+0B, +0C]

Losses [-0B, -0C]

Death [-0B, -0C]

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

Requested Removal [-0B, -0C]

Statistical Adjustment [+/-0B, +/-0C]

Membership	Jan. 1, 2020	Gains	Losses	Sept. 30, 2020
Baptized	568	+11	-3	576
Confirmed	440	+6	-3	443

Coloring Page:



WRITE OR DRAW 3 THINGS FOR WHICH YOU ARE THANKFUL!

1.) 2.) 3.)

PUZZLE PAGE

THE REASON

by

Bill Schlegl

What is the main reason why we should put our complete trust in Jesus? Write the letter that comes between the two letters given to learn this important reason.

SU GI DF	QS DF	HJ RT	NP MO KN	1 XZ
NP MO DF	KM ZB VX	FH HJ UV	V DF QS	ZB MO CE
IK TV CE FH D	F SU G	I DF	NP MO DF	VX GI NP
HJ RT Z	B AC KM DF	SU	NP RT Z	B UW DF
ZB MO CE	CE DF RT	SU QS NF	PXZ	

(Answer Found on Page 8)

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF UGANDA- EASTERN DEANERY SEPTEMBER REPORT

Greetings to you in the name of God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ who gives peace and Love to all the brothers and sisters there. God's grace to all of you who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love that never ends. Amen.

September, like other months in this year came with a number of activities, achievements and inevitable challenges of which God has in all remained in control.

OPENING OF WORSHIP PLACES It good news that the president of the country in his speech of 20th September, granted all churches to open up again for worship while considering health precautions and government directives to avoid spread of COVID-19. Seventy members per service were permitted to gather per church service. I am happy to report that all Lutheran congregations happily worshiped again together after seven months of lockdown. What is most challenging is that many of our churches can't afford to buy Temperature guns and hand washing water tanks required at each church. Whoever would wish to help in buying these items for any number of churches in the East is very welcome.

WORD AND SACRAMENT MINISTRY Eastern Deanery still struggles to have men who preach and administer sacraments because of the high concentration of churches compared to the number of ordained men. However, a few ministers available worked hard to serve the congregations in terms of preaching, baptizing and communing Christians. This is evidenced in a short report by Rev. Erifazi Buluuba as below;

"Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. We thank God for the protection and guidance during this time of covid. IAM so previlladge to report to you about God's ministry in the month of September.

HOME VISITS. I went from home to home visiting the poor and the sick at least three days every week. This has helped in continuation of evangelism during lock down.

WORSHIP: We had home services especially in Christian homes before churches we opened up as you see in the photos."

RADIO MINISTRY: For the last seven months of lockdown Eastern Deanery has tremendously been reaching most of the Christians and none Christians with the gospel message of Christ on 88.6 Kiira FM. This ministry has helped most people not to miss worship services. Now that congregation are back to worship together, Eastern Deanery seeks to continue with a talk show in which we shall focus on teaching the catechism, have a Lusoga language service every Sunday. This therefore calls for support from you as it requires finances. Thanks go to Lutheran Lay Renewal of America and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church that supported during the last seven months.

EASTERN DEANERY CHOIR: The church in Eastern Deanery is registered number one in worshiping in the language

people understand. Thanks be to God that now we worship in Lusoga in terms of the liturgy and with hymns translated from The Lutheran Hymnal, Lutheran Worship and Lutheran service Book. This is engineered by the choir at Our Savior Lutheran Church of Uganda - Magamaga. It so beautiful to hear them singing in the language of the people accompanied by local instruments like zylophones, drums, flutes etc. This choir also requires your financial and prayer support for purposes of meeting needs such as buying more local instruments, costumes and support to the trainers of music.





The choir is also involved in drama training to children. So it is a music, dance and drama choir as in the photo.

KYABAZAALA LUTHERAN CHURCH REQUEST. Through Rev. Erifazi Buluuba, Kyabazaala LCU informed the office of the Dean of how they have made steps towards construction of a worshiping place/ church which can serve as a school building in the initial stages. The church baked enough bricks (20,000) for the construction of church, they have land which approximately one Accre and Christians are ready to give their continued input in terms of labor. Because of the lockdown but also low income of the church, they cannot afford other construction materials like Roofing, cement paying the technical people etc. The Church will require \$15,000 only to be constructed up to a usable

stage.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH BUYS LAND. Glory and honor to God in the highest, Our Savior Lutheran Church of Uganda - Magamaga is buying land. The first deposit is already made to the four Accred land. Our target is having six so that it is enough for the church and a school in the community.

Thanks be to God for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church that's helping in this noble task.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Eastern Deanery acknowledges that children are not the future church but they are members of the church today. So implies we should not wait to train our children in the congregations to read the scriptures on their own.



This is what happens at our Savior Lutheran Church. This has not only helped the children, but also the parents are pleased to see their children taking on readings in a worship service.

MAMA JANE CHRISTINE BAMEKA. A CHURCH ELDER PASSED ON INTO GLORY We stand with the grieving family of our bishop and Mr. Bameka Emmanuel in prayer, Jane was such a committed Lutheran who served her God faithfully. We shall live to remember her generous heart, hospitality and above all her remarkable contributions in the Lusoga translations of the hymns in Eastern Deanery. Jane is not dead she is living with our Lord Jesus. Amen.



Thanks go to the Lutheran Church of Uganda for the condolence messages and financial support the family.

We thank also the Deans who were present like Rev. Nicholas Bwire from Far Eastern, Rev. James Odoo Okello from North, Rev. Paul Sserwaniko from central and Rev. Raymond Kaija from Midwestern Uganda, and all pastors and Vicars. Their presence was so much encouraging to the Deanery but also to the family of Bishop and mr. Bameka.

MEETINGS At Kainogoga we had a Villag Advisory Committee meeting Which the school, the church, the women's and youths leagues presented their updates of activities, challenges and solutions, but also prioritizing projects they want to execute in the next year. Please pray for Kainogoga for a continued service to the communities especially education for the children.

MISSIONARY RACHEL MEYER PRAYED FOR

BEFORE BEING EVACUATED The missionary serving alongside LCU Rechel was evacuated back to the States as she had some health complications. However before she traveled the Presiding bishop and the Dean for Eastern together with Missionary Megan visited and prayed for her. Thanks be to God a communication from her shows some improvement, she said.

Please I have also attached a report from Vicar William Waiswa please read.

Thank you very much for reading this report, you are requested to include the following in your prayers;

- 1. The family of Bishop for losing his mother that the Lord will strengthen him and his dad.
- 2. Missionary Rachel that she gets healing from the Lord
- 3. Kyabazaala LCU that Lord provides for the construction of the church building.
- 4. For the seminarians that Lord provides for their families while at seminary.
- 4. For Rev. James Odoo who lost an aunt that the Lord gives him strength

Rev. Peter M. Maganda Dean Eastern Uganda

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